

Joint application of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, d/b/a National Grid, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, App. §§ 2-1 through 2-10, and 220 C.M.R. §§ 7.00 et seq., for approval of their proposed operating budgets for approval of their Residential Energy Conservation Service Programs for the period of January 1, 2006, through December 31, 2006.

REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AND PARTICIPATION

Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company ("Petitioners") request approval of the operating budgets for their Residential Energy Conservation Service ("RCS") Programs for the calendar year ending December 31, 2006. The calculations, data, and reasons supporting these requests are available for public inspection at the Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department").

Pursuant to G.L. c. 25, § 19, the Petitioners fund their RCS programs, and other energy efficiency programs, out of a mandatory per kilowatt hour charge. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Division of Energy Resources has the authority to oversee and coordinate those plans and RCS programs. G.L. c. 25A, § 11G; G.L. c. 164, App. § 2-3. This proceeding is limited to the Department's review of the Petitioners' RCS operating budgets. G.L. c. 164, App. § 2-7.

The Department invites public comment on this matter. Any person who desires to file written comments, or request a public hearing on this matter, shall submit an original and three (3) copies of such written comments with Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary, Department of Telecommunications and Energy, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts 02110, not later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) Friday, November 25, 2005. A petition to intervene must satisfy the timing and substantive requirements of 220 C.M.R. § 1.03, and shall include a request for a hearing if a hearing is desired. Receipt by the Department -- not mailing -- constitutes filing and determines whether a petition has been timely filed. A late-filed petition may be disallowed as untimely, unless good cause is shown for waiver under 220 C.M.R. § 1.01(4). To be allowed, a petition under 220 C.M.R. § 1.03(1) must satisfy the standing requirements of G.L. c. 30A, § 10.

All written comments should also be submitted to the Department in electronic format

using one of the following methods: (1) by e-mail attachment to dte.efiling@state.ma.us and jody.stiefel@state.ma.us, or (2) on a 3.5" disk. The text of the e-mail or the disk label must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding, (D.T.E. 05-81), (2) name of the person or company submitting the filing, and (3) a brief descriptive title of the document. The electronic filing should also include the name, title and telephone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing. Text responses should be created in either Corel WordPerfect, Microsoft Word, or as an Adobe-compatible PDF file. Data or spreadsheet responses should be compatible with Microsoft Excel. All comments submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's Web site: <http://www.mass.gov/dte/>.



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
DEPARTMENT OF
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY

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ORDER OF NOTICE

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The Petitioners, Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, are required to give notice of this request for public comment and participation by publication hereof once at least seven (7) days prior to the close of the comment period in the Lawrence Eagle Tribune, the Worcester Telegram, the Berkshire Eagle (Pittsfield), the Patriot Ledger (Quincy), the Enquirer and Mirror (Nantucket), and in either the Boston Globe and the Boston Herald. The Petitioners are also required to mail a copy of this notice at least seven (7) days prior to the end of the comment period to any person who has commented in the two prior annual RCS filings.

The Petitioners are also required to make return of service and proof of publication at the time of the close of the comment period.

By Order of the Department,

Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary